

London Township
Board Minutes
September 9, 2019

Call to order by Supervisor Taepke 7:30pm
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Gary Taepke-Present, Clerk Kim Sharp-Present, Treasurer Melissa Beauchamp-Present, Trustee Penny Turner-Present, Trustee Roger Werstein-Present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to accept the agenda as amended with the additions:

- Township Hall Water Supply to Unfinished Business #2.
- Streetlights added to New Business #6.

All in favor: AYE.

Motion Carried

First Citizens Time:

Started: 7:33pm Ended: 7:36pm

- Resident stated that Allison rd. has not been brined at all this summer.
- Resident Bill Filter introduced himself and gave a brief description of why he is involved with medical marijuana, Supervisor Taepke suggested he address the board under New Business #1.
- Resident wanted an update of a property that needs a site plan. As of this date there has been no site plan submitted.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to not having a Clerk in June/July there were 4 sets of Minutes that had to be approved.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the following Minutes:

June 10, 2019

July 8, 2019

July 19, 2019 Special Meeting (Hiring of new Clerk)

August 12, 2019

All in favor **AYE**

Motion Carried

Supervisors Report:

-The Monroe County Road Commission (MCRC) has been contracted to cut down trees on Tuttlehill rd. The Township has been billed \$1,170.00. The project was approved for \$3,220.00. The Clerk will contact the MCRC to check the status of the stump removal as they were still there as of this date.

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the Supervisors Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

-Taxes can still be paid without penalty until September 16, 2019.

-Someone has been putting household trash in our paper recycling bin (dumpster). the Treasurer has been having to literally go into the bin before the company will empty it, if this continues, we will remove the bin.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept the Treasurer's Report.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Clerks Report:

-There are 2 PA-116's that are in the process of being approved, it is currently at the State level.

Treasurer Beauchamp made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to accept the Clerks Report as presented, All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Building Department Report:

-There was a total of 18 permits issued in August totaling \$2,920.78.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to accept the Building Department Report. All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrators's Report:

-Blight complaint that was scheduled in Circuit Court was brought to compliance before the court date and the it was recommended to the Township Attorney to dismiss the case.

-Illegal Fence; 3 letters were sent, and 2 voicemails were left for the property owner describing the issue and advising the solution. ZA will send 1 more letter to the property owner before it is turned over to the Township Lawyer.

-All active ponds and/or extractions have been inspected and no violations found.

-Complaints; 2 properties owned by the same individual have not been maintained according to the Property Maintenance Section 6.304 of the London Township Zoning Ordinance a letter was sent to the owner with Section 1.09 Zoning Ordinance violations and penalties.

-There were residents' complaints that were addressed but are of a civil matter (property line disputes, neighbors dumping garbage, and one neighbor cutting other neighbors' trees).

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to accept Zoning Administrator's Report. All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

Planning Commission Report:

There was no Planning Commission Meeting in September.

Reading of Monthly Disbursements:

Supervisor Taepke explained that the total is unusually large due to a balance of \$65,524.65 to the MCRC for the stoning of roads.

General Fund:

- **Expenditures: \$83,738.30**
- **Payroll: \$13,3648.02**

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasure Beauchamp to approve the disbursements from the General Fund **Totaling \$97,386.32.**

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, Seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the expenditure from the sewer fund **Totaling: \$3322.56**

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

TOTAL MONTHLY DISBURSMENTS: \$100,708.88

Unfinished Business:

1. **Dumpsters:** Tabled, Supervisor Taepke will investigate the contract details.

Motion made by Clerk Sharp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to table dumpsters to inquire about contract details.

All in favor: **AYE.**

Motion Carried

2. Township Hall Water Supply:

Supervisor Taepke updated the board about obtaining quotes to proceed with disconnecting one of the water tanks supplying the Township Hall and cleaning and preparing the second tank that will be the primary water supply. One company was not able to come out till next week the other presented a quote. That quote of \$1,950.00 is for disconnecting the two tanks in a way that if it is ever needed it could be reconnected and thoroughly cleaned. This project will take a few days to complete and it may be likely the Sullivan Center will be affected during that time.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the expenditure to make the alterations to the water tanks as requested by the Monroe County Health Department not to exceed \$1,950.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

Supervisor Taepke called several companies to obtain quotes to cap the well only one company responded.

Motion made by Treasure Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to cap the well with documentation sent to the Monroe County Health Department not to exceed \$1622.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein **YES**, Trustee Turner **YES**, Supervisor Taepke **YES**, Treasurer Beauchamp **YES**, Clerk Sharp **YES**.

Motion Carried

New Business:

1. Medical/Recreational Marijuana:

The Township has the option at the present time to opt-in on Marijuana Grow Facilities. Trustee Turner presented an opt-out ordinance and explained her opposition. Resident Bill Filter is a medical marijuana caregiver he explained many of the pluses for a township to Opt-In on Marijuana Grow Facilities, as in: charging each permit up to \$5,000.00, the tax revenue and how the Township would be able to set the rules and regulations. And at a state level there is also high regulations.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Clerk Sharp to request the Township Attorney to draft a Resolution to retract the previous Resolution to Opt-Out. And direct the Planning Commission to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance under the MMFLA.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein NO, Trustee Turner NO, Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

2. Clerk/Deputy Clerk Election Accreditation Class

Clerk Sharp and Deputy Clerk McCranie will be attending a State of Michigan Election Accreditation Class. There is a possibility it will be in Marquette. The class is free, but Clerk Sharp would like approval of mileage and 1-2-night hotel allowance. As the schedule isn't set there may be an issue it will happen before the next board meeting and would like approval tonight

Motion made by Treasurer Beauchamp, seconded by Supervisor Taepke to cap the Clerk and Deputy Clerk's hotel allowance at \$300 for their 2-day election accreditation class.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein YES, Trustee Turner YES, Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

3. Cemetery Resolution.

Sexton Jonathan Vesper had a situation with a misunderstanding that led to the opening of 2 graves for 1 person. That action has prompted the Board to look into a resolution on how grave sites are reserved. A foundation needing to be paid for in advance, was discussed. Supervisor Taepke stated he will get a drafted resolution for this process, along with the cemetery procedures and bring in back to the board for review.

Supervisor Taepke made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to approve the expenditure for the opening of 2 graves on August 14, 2019.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein YES, Trustee Turner YES, Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

4. Previous Clerks Final Paycheck:

Previous clerk is owed her last paycheck. It was prorated and will be sent out USPS.

5. ID Badges:

Deputy Clerk McCranie discussed the Township employees that are in the field wear Township ID cards. The Township will reimburse both the Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector their ID's

6. Streetlights:

There are 2 lights on poles on the west and east side of the building. They are not needed anymore as the new lighting system provides enough light.

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke, seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to have Clerk Sharp contact DTE to have the account cancelled and poles removed from the front and back of the Township Hall.

Roll Call: Trustee Werstein YES, Trustee Turner YES, Supervisor Taepke YES, Treasurer Beauchamp YES, Clerk Sharp YES.

Motion Carried

2nd Citizens time:

- Previous Clerk Zieske stated he believed the 3rd light on the DTE bill is the streetlight on the corner of Tuttlehill and Milan-Oakville roads. The Clerk will investigate this.
- Complaints of Dragway operating after 2am, complaints should be lodged with the County Sheriff.
- Resident would like to know what is being dumped at the old London Sands site as many gravel trains are going in and out.
- Another resident voiced his opposition of the water district.
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Board of Trustee Comments:

- Trustee Turner asked if there was any information about the Bounced Check Resolution, Supervisor Taepke stated he has not heard back from the Township Attorney.
- Trustee Turner also asked if the CD for the roof fund has been opened, Treasurer Beauchamp stated it was not.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Supervisor Taepke seconded by Treasurer Beauchamp to adjourn

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita R. McCranie
Deputy Clerk

